

Abstract

The present invention relates to novel endocrine related polynucleotides and the polypeptides encoded by these polynucleotides herein collectively known as "endocrine antigens," and the use of such endocrine antigens for detecting disorders of the endocrine system, particularly the presence of cancers of the endocrine system and endocrine cancer metastases. More specifically, isolated endocrine associated nucleic acid molecules are provided encoding novel endocrine associated polypeptides. Novel endocrine polypeptides and antibodies that bind to these polypeptides are provided. Also provided are vectors, host cells, and recombinant and synthetic methods for producing human endocrine associated polynucleotides and/or polypeptides. The invention further relates to diagnostic and therapeutic methods useful for diagnosing, treating, preventing and/or prognosing disorders related to the endocrine system, including cancers of the endocrine system, and therapeutic methods for treating such disorders. The invention further relates to screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention. The present invention further relates to methods and/or compositions for inhibiting the production and function of the polypeptides of the present invention.